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Utah Guard Hosts Governor's Day, Adjutant General Change of Command, and State Sergeant Major Change of Responsibility

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah – The Utah National Guard will host its annual Governor's Day Saturday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m. at the Camp Williams parade field. Festivities will include the adjutant general change of command, where Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet will relinquish command after 12 years to Maj. Gen. Jefferson S. Burton, and a change of responsibility where Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce D. Summers will turn the reins over to Command Sgt. Maj. Michael M. Miller.

The event will provide Governor Gary R. Herbert, commander in chief of the Utah National Guard, an opportunity to review his troops in a pass-and-review ceremony as required by statute and to meet individual Airmen and Soldiers in person.

Events will also feature flyovers by Utah National Guard aircraft, a cannon salute and music provided by the 23rd Army Band.

Other activities to take place include equipment displays, climbing wall and food court, all of which will be available until 3 p.m.

Appointed by Governor Leavitt in 2000, Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet, of Kaysville, is retiring after completing his second six-year term as adjutant general. During his 12 years as adjutant general, Tarbet, of Kaysville, oversaw the operations of the Utah Guard in the critical days following 9/11 and the ensuing flurry of deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Other highlights of Tarbet's tenure include the following:

- Utah National Guard support to the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games
- Activations in response to natural disasters and civil emergencies involving flooding, fires, snow and windstorms, including Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, when the Utah Guard sent units to the Gulf Coast and housed evacuees at Camp Williams

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- Deployments to the U.S.-Mexico border in 2006-2007 in support of Customs and Border Protection operations
- State Partnership Program affiliation with Morocco since 2003
- Construction of new readiness centers at Camp Williams, Orem and Salt Lake City, as well as the remodeling of a number of armories statewide.
- Building a comprehensive Family Support program to meet the needs of Guard spouses, children, and families
- Cultivating ties to civilian employers of members of the Utah Guard through Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and other initiatives

Burton, a longtime Payson resident, enlisted as an artilleryman in 1982. He graduated from Brigham Young University's ROTC program and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1984.

After serving on active duty for six years as a Military Police officer with 7th U.S. Corps and the 4th Infantry Division, he joined the Utah National Guard in 1991 where he transferred to the Engineer corps.

With the Engineers, Burton has served in various positions to include company commander, battalion executive officer; assistant professor of Military Science at both Brigham Young University and Utah Valley State College, Director of Civil/Military Relations and Director of Personnel. He also served as commander of the Utah Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion.

In 2003, as commander of the 1457th Engineer Battalion, he led his 450 Soldiers on their deployment to Iraq with the 1st Armored Division Task Force in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

For the past five years Burton has served as Assistant Adjutant General – Army in the Utah Guard, responsible for the training and support of 5,600 Soldiers. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Combat Action Badge and Parachutist Wings.

Burton assumes command of 7,000 Airmen and Soldiers.

Media Notes: Media desiring to attend Governor's Day must report to the Camp Williams main gate no later than 9:15 a.m. There will be a soldier at the gate issuing press passes and directing media to the VIP parking area, where they will be assigned escorts. For questions on the day of the event, please contact Maj. Wencke Tate at (801) 759-8699.